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THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

Business Transacted at the Meeting of the Ministers Yesterday.

The city pastors met yesterday morning in the halls of the Y. M. C. A. and in the absence of the moderator, Dr. Flippo, Rev. D. C. Moomaw was elected to occupy the chair. Rev. Dr. Acree acted in the capacity of secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Campbell. The pastors present were: Revs. Moomaw, Acree, Anderson, Campbell, Schooley, Reiter, Hamner and Ferguson. The usual routine business was gone through with and several matters discussed, among them the good work accomplished by the Railroad Men's Christian Association. The pastors discussed the question of the churches taking up a contribution for the benefit of the association in the city.

The question of obscene literature being sold on the news stands was taken up again and the following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That we are gratified to notice the efforts of our mayor to exterminate certain public evils and hereby pledge him our hearty co-operation and support in all such efforts.

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THE ELECTION.

To-day's Great Battle of Ballots.

IN READINESS FOR THE FRAY.

Both Sides Seem Confident of Winning the Fight.

Chairman Harrity Claims that Cleveland's Success is an Assured Fact—He Says That New York and Indiana Will Both be Found in the Democratic Column, While Other Doubtful States Will Cast Their Votes for Cleveland and Stevenson—The Republican Leaders Do Not Give Many Figures, But Confess to Being Sanguine of Harrison's Success—Virginia Will be Found in the Democratic Column. The Republicans Give Out Figures for Michigan—They Say Both the State and National Ticket is Safe—Democrats Also Claim That State, But Give No Figures—Hard Work to be Done in Indiana—News From Other Sections of the Country.

Special telegram to THE TIMES from the National Democratic Headquarters.

New York, Nov. 7.—The Democratic victory confidently anticipated last week is certain now. The Republicans have made their last desperate effort and told their last "campaign lie." Their resources of falsification have been exhausted and their promised grand closing sensation has failed to appear. Connecticut, Indiana, New York and New Jersey are absolutely safe. From Alabama State Chairman Shelly telegraphed:

"Give yourself no concern whatever about Alabama. We have won. The majority will be considerable beyond all doubt."

South Dakota advises show that Harrison will lose that State as well as North Dakota. In Colorado the Republicans confess defeat by resorting to the tactics of despair. The New York election will be peaceable and unsensational and a full Democratic vote will be cast without impediment. This is assured by the firm confidence and moderate course of the State and local authorities who meet Republican bluster and intimidation with calm reason and law.

Davenport and his colleagues really realize that their programme has fallen through and that the effect of their intimidation will be to increase the Cleveland vote. The criminal alliance between the Republican headquarters and Dishler, the notorious fugitive from justice for whose apprehension and arrest a reward of \$2,500 is outstanding, is a sensation upon which the Republicans do not count. It shows that notorious rascals are hired to attempt to colonize Republican headquarters. This indicted scoundrel, who secured the escape of O'Brien, the notorious bunco stealer, is proven by his own handwriting to be a close political friend and tool of the Republican executive chairman, Hackett.

The convict tactics of the Republican headquarters will lose Harrison thousands of votes of reputable Republicans, who rise up against the force bill and Davenport's methods. The New York Herald editorially sums up an arraignment of Republican protection by saying: "It is a boon to millionaire manufacturers and rich employers, because it shuts out what competes with them—namely, foreign products. It is not a boon to the employees, because it does not exclude what competes with them—namely, the foreign laborer."

That is what English cheap labor means. It is what Republican success means.

The Democratic national committee now counts with perfect confidence upon at least 244 electoral votes for Cleveland, while Harrison's electoral vote will not exceed 165. The above calculation does not include the electoral votes for Cleveland and Stevenson for which the national headquarters confidently look to the Northwest and Pacific Coast. Don M. Dickinson, chairman of Democratic national campaign committee, says we have fought a good fight, we have kept the faith and we will win.

WM. F. HARRITY, Chairman.

SHIPPING NEGROES FROM TENNESSEE

The Democrats Catch on to a Fine Piece of Business.

New York, Nov. 7.—[Special]—The World this morning says: "David A. Dishler, the Utica gambler and political thug, for whose apprehension a reward of \$2,500 has been offered by Governor Flower, has been acting as the accredited agent of the Republican party, shipping negroes from Tennessee into West Virginia and New Jersey to vote the Republican ticket."

Dishler's employer is Chairman C. W. Hackett, of "blocks-of-one" and "Confidential circular" fame. Dishler and Hackett have been pals in Utica politics for years. When Dishler concocted and carried to a successful issue the daring scheme to liberate "Tom" O'Brien, prince of bunco men, who was

convicted of buncoing a farmer Post out of \$10,000 last April, the chairman of the Republican campaign committee was separated from him for the time.

Dishler was indicted in Albany county and Oneida county, and he has since been a fugitive from justice. That the two got together after a very short while is shown by a letter which the World has had photographed and reproduces in fac-simile to-day. This letter was sent to Joseph Frick, saloon-keeper in Utica, who has been an associate and second of Dishler for many years. The letter referred to is as follows:

"PITTSBURG, Oct. 24, 1892.—Yours received, also \$100; thanks. I am here for a day or two on business for Hackett and will leave for Parkersburg, W. Va., either to-morrow or Thursday. I have to watch carefully for anyone who might know me, and move about carefully. I wish you would go and see Tom at once and tell him that I must either go to New York or write him about money matters."

"I am beginning to think I am to be dumped overboard and left in the lurch if the Republicans lose. I was to get \$3,000 on the 15th from Hackett as part of our agreement, but all I got from him thus far is \$2,000. Tell Tom to do all he can with Charley and make him promise in writing that he will give up before the election. If Hackett comes home any day I would like to see him, if not it would be better for Tom to run down to New York some day next week. I have been on the run ever since I wrote you last."

"I have put so much in fares that I was broke when your letter came to me at Richmond. I have written Charley almost every day, but he sends me but \$500 at a crack, and it goes like wind. Here's a good tip: Bet all you have on Harrison's carrying West Virginia and Virginia. We have put 2,500 nigs in the former State and every one is a Republican vote. New Jersey is going the same way. We have sent 1,000 good Republicans there from Tennessee, and next week I will go there with 200 more. (Signed) "DAVE."

A REGISTRAR ARRESTED.

J. S. Campbell, of Elliston, Before Commissioner Rhodes.

J. S. Campbell, the registrar at Elliston, was arrested yesterday morning by Deputy Marshal John Mills and brought to this city before Commissioner Rhodes. The warrant upon which he was arrested was issued upon an affidavit made by Henry Goodwin, the newly appointed supervisor at Elliston. On the last day of registration Goodwin demanded the poll books at 10 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of making an exact copy of them to send to William B. Tinsley, of Lynchburg, who is chief supervisor of Southwest Virginia.

Mr. Campbell refused to give the books up for the reason the law required him to keep them open from sunrise to sunset on that day, but told Mr. Goodwin the books were open for inspection by anybody who wanted to examine them. Goodwin at once notified the chief supervisor and upon these grounds the warrant was issued.

Ex-Judge Geo. G. Junkin, of Christiansburg, represented the prisoner, and moved to quash the indictment on the grounds that no charges were specified in the warrant. The motion was refused. A letter was read from T. A. Wills, of Shawsville, asking that unless all the witnesses could be found to have the case postponed until the 20th. Judge Junkin insisted on a trial at once and asked that Mr. Goodwin be sworn and let him testify whether or not the absent witnesses were material or not in the case. This was also refused and the case postponed until the 20th. Mr. Campbell was released on bail in the sum of \$1,000, with Judge Junkin and John Northcross as security.

THE LOCAL SITUATION.

Everything Ready for a Grand Fight To-day.

Monday is always a busy day, as it ushers in the cares and business problems of a new week. In the parlance of an older period it was called "Blue Monday." Clouds have lowered over the city all day, and enough rain has fallen to make the streets muddy. All is stir and bustle, however, at both Republican and Democratic headquarters. Both parties seem to realize that a desperate fight will take place to-day between the two great political parties, and nothing is being left undone to win the victory. The county and city Democratic managers are very sanguine of the result.

Capt. M. M. Rogers, the county chairman, said to THE TIMES reporter: "We expect to carry Red Hill, a former Republican precinct; to reduce a Republican majority of 39, in 1888, to 10 at John's Gap; Poage's Mill, from 36 Republican to 10, and to carry the county of Roanoke by 100 majority without Salem." The total city registration is 5,950, of which number 1,710 are colored, leaving the number of white registered voters 4,240.

The Democrats claim that many of the negroes will vote the Democratic ticket, and that the white Democrats outnumber the white Republicans two to one. They calculate a safe Democratic majority of from 500 to 700.

In the First ward the registration books contain 1,303 whites and 277 colored, a gain in registration over the May election of 370.

Second ward, white 700; colored 81; gain 104.

Third ward—White, 788; colored, 837; gain, 363.

Fourth ward—White, 639; colored, 61; gain, 170.

Fifth ward—White, 804; colored, 454; gain, 436.

Making an increase of 803 whites and 630 colored.

The polls will open this morning at

6:58 and close at 5:02 in the evening. The Third ward has 1,615 voters, and if all vote it will have to be done by the lightning process.

The following is a list of supervisors, judges and polling places:

In the First ward the voting place will be Peck's store; Second ward, Junior engine house; Third ward, Friendship engine house; Fourth ward, Vigilant engine house; Fifth ward, Coburn's drug store.

The supervisors of election are: First ward, B. A. Rives and J. C. Hathaway; Second ward, Judge W. S. Good and M. D. Obenchain; Third ward, John D. Carr and J. S. Pattie; Fourth ward, Capt. E. T. Kindred and Edward Smith; Fifth ward, R. T. Boswell and C. S. White, the first named in each ward being a Democrat.

The judges of election are: First ward—V. B. Greene, Captain J. T. Smoot, A. W. Pitman.

Second ward—J. F. Boone, J. H. Ehrman, M. H. Ehrman.

Third ward—S. H. Cheatham, James Buchanan, J. H. Ward.

Fourth ward—C. P. Reed, William Stevenson, J. W. Greenwood.

Fifth ward—N. F. McNamara, Henry Bohn, George Dinguid. The last named judge in each ward is a Republican, the first two Democrats.

Last night all was quiet in Roanoke. Small groups were seen on the corners of the streets discussing the chances of the respective parties. There is certainly something portentous in the quiet and gloom which hangs over the city. It is but a prelude to the storm which will break to-day. Determined men will make a grand fight for Cleveland and Stevenson.

GORMAN TALKS.

He Thinks Cleveland is as Good as Elected.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—[Special]—The Star to-night prints the following: Senator Gorman was in the city to-day, seemingly just as placid as he might appear were there no Presidential election within two or three years.

"I shall be at home until after the election," said the Senator to a Star reporter who met him on the avenue. "I came home as soon as my work elsewhere was done, and to-morrow I expect to vote for the next President," and he smiled a quiet, modest, Cleveland sort of a smile.

"Yes," he continued, "that remark might be regarded as indicative of a certainty on my part as to the identity of the next President. Let me say very frankly that for two weeks past there has never been any doubt in my mind as to Cleveland's success. Beyond question he will win. New York is ours by a large majority; I am not dealing in figures now, while both Indiana and Connecticut are equally safe.

"West Virginia?" "It will continue to belong to us. We shall not lose a Southern vote. Under some circumstances the Republicans might have gained a temporary advantage in places heretofore Democratic but for the action of the government in offensively enforcing the statute which will permit the employment of deputy marshals at the polls. That gives the people a practical idea as to what might be expected were the force bill a law. I shall not attempt to tell you what our New York majority will be, but you may be satisfied with the assurance that it is going to be large enough. Cleveland is as good as elected now."

"GRATUITOUS AND MALICIOUS LIES."

Cleveland Hits the Republican Party Another Rap.

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., Nov. 7.—[Special]—Members of the C. K. Hall Post, G. A. R., at this place, were somewhat dissatisfied with Grover Cleveland for his apparent slight on the veterans at the big parade in New York city recently, and W. H. Carman, one of the leading Democrats and a member of the post, wrote to Cleveland to that effect and received the following reply:

"12 WEST FIFTY-FIRST STREET, New York, November 5."

"William H. Carman, Ashbury Park, N. J." "DEAR SIR—Your letter of 1st instant referring to the Republican falsehood in relation to my conduct on the day of the grand parade here and construing my abandonment of the reviewing stand as a slight on the veterans is at hand. I know of no better way to dispose of it than to place it, without hesitation, in the category of gratuitous and malicious lies which have been so abundantly distributed by our opponents in this campaign. Very truly yours, GROVER CLEVELAND."

To the above may be added that when Cleveland left the reviewing stand it was in compliance with the repeated urging from the trustees of the Peabody educational fund, of whom Cleveland is one, to attend a meeting of the trustees then in session.

RECEIVING THE NEWS.

How President Harrison Will Learn of His Fate.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—[Special]—But two Cabinet officers will remain in Washington to-morrow. Secretary Tracy goes to New York to-night, so that Secretary John W. Foster and Attorney-General Miller will be the only members of the Cabinet in the city. Secretary Foster has already arranged a pair with an Indiana Democrat and Attorney-General Miller expects to do the same.

The usual arrangements have been made for supplying early information of the result of the elections to-morrow to the President. In a corner room on the second floor of the executive mansion are a number of telegraph instruments, and to-morrow one of these circuits, which runs into the Western Union telegraph office, will receive the exclusive attention of Executive Clerk Montgomery, who manipulates the wires. By means of this link communication can be had between the White House

and any city or hamlet in the land where there is a telegraph office. If any of party managers desires to communicate with the President, he can do so almost as quickly as if he were in the presence of Harrison.

In addition to this means of acquiring information as to the progress of events to-morrow, complete and accurate bulletins of the Associated Press will be sent into the White House by another wire. After the business of the day is over when prognostication and speculation are at rest and actual returns begin to come in, the President will have the company of Secretary John W. Foster and Attorney General Miller, and possibly one or two personal friends, and together they will sit up and read the returns until it is time to retire or until some tangible result is in sight.

No one else will be present, and on this occasion, contrary to his usual custom, the President will deny himself to members of the press to whom he has uniformly extended courteous permission to be present. His departure from his usual practice is obviously attributable to his recent bereavement and desire to avoid a public manifestation of his feeling. People who saw the President to-day say that if he feels any anxiety he does not show it. He is cool and collected and betrays no sign of worry.

THE SITUATION IN MICHIGAN.

Republicans Seem Certain of Carrying the State—Democrats Also Claim It.

DETROIT, Nov. 7.—[Special]—Although the Presidential campaign, which closed to-night, has been marked by comparatively few external evidences of excitement there has never been one in which there has been so much activity. Both Republicans and Democrats claim the State will be carried by their respective parties.

Daniel J. Campau, chairman of the Democratic State central committee, says that his party will elect their State ticket by a good majority, and more than half the Presidential electors and Congressmen; he also hopes to have a majority in the next legislature when will elect a United States Senator to succeed Francis B. Stockbridge, whose term will expire next March. No figures are given, however, to substantiate these claims. Senator McMillan, chairman of the Republican State central committee, predicts a victory for his party in this State.

He declares the State ticket will be elected by a plurality of from 14,000 to 15,000. A majority will be had in the next legislature, thus making the United States Senatorship safe for the Republicans. McMillan says large gains will be made in a number of Congressmen elected the last time and eight of the Republican electors, he thinks, are safe. It is asserted by the chairman of the Prohibition and People's committees that their respective parties will each poll about 30,000 votes.

CLOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

The Democrats Confident That the Old Dominion is All Right for Cleveland.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 7.—[Special]—The close of the political canvass in this State to-night was a quiet one. The Democrats have made an active fight throughout Virginia, while the Republicans and the Third party have had but few speakers on the hustings. The Republicans have no regular candidates in the field, except for Congress in the Ninth district, but it seems generally understood that the party, as a rule, will support the Third party candidates, whose names appear on the same ticket with the Harrison electors. Leading Democrats throughout the State appear confident that Cleveland will carry Virginia by a good majority, while some place the figures as high as 20,000.

The Republicans will not give figures for Harrison but affirm that the State will cast its electoral vote for him. Congressman Geo. D. Wise, in an interview with an Associated Press correspondent to-night, said he would be returned to Congress by a majority ranging from 4,000 to 5,000, that Virginia would elect a solid Democratic delegation to Congress and that Cleveland would carry the State by from ten to twenty thousand majority. Ex-Democratic State Chairman O. Taylor Ellison says: "I feel that Virginia is safe for our electors' ticket by a majority of not less than 15,000 and that we will get eight Congressmen."

FROM INDIANA.

The Result is in Doubt With Both Sides Confident.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 7.—[Special]—Interest in the pending election has practically obscured business and other considerations in this city and throughout the State. There is practically no change in the situation in Indiana. The result is still in doubt. Chairman Taggart, of the Democratic State committee, claims the State by a plurality which he says will not fall below 10,000, both branches of the legislature with eleven out of thirteen members of Congress.

Chairman Goudy, of the Republican State committee, said this morning: "We will surely carry the State electoral ticket and elect our candidates for State offices by a plurality of not less than 7,000 and most likely 10,000. We will certainly elect five members of Congress and probably seven with a fighting chance for two more."

The People's party chairman this morning placed the Populist vote in the State at 49,500. It is claimed that the People's party vote has been accurately polled and is pledged to stand by the party through all contingencies. The Populist chairman claims fifteen mem-

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bers of the legislature, and that they will hold the balance of power in that body and dictate the election of the successor to Senator Turpie. The Prohibitionists claim a vote of 18,000 in the State.

The Prohibition and People's party vote in Indiana are quantities that give to the situation an element of uncertainty such that the forecast of the most competent political prophet is simply guess work after all. Comparison of the vote in receiving the returns to-morrow night will be based on the vote of 1890, when the Democratic State ticket was elected by 19,000 plurality. There are 2,964 precincts in the State and to overcome the plurality of two years ago the Republicans will have to gain an average of nearly seven votes to a precinct.

INSTRUCTED TO VOTE FOR WEAVER.

The Democrats in South Dakota Fusing With the Third Party.

YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 7.—[Special]—Tremendous excitement was occasioned here in political circles upon the announcement that the Democratic State central committee had passed the following resolution, addressed to Democratic voters of South Dakota:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Democratic State committee that the Democratic voters of South Dakota cast their votes for the Weaver electoral ticket, and thereby aid in electing the other standard bearers, Grover Cleveland and Adlai E. Stevenson, and this committee requests the hearty co-operation of every Democrat in this State to accomplish this, and

Resolved, Further, that all Democrats of South Dakota should stand loyally by their Congressional and State ticket and thereby materially advance their party's permanent welfare in this State. These resolutions, it is claimed, means the defeat of the Harrison electors in South Dakota by 5,000 to 12,000.

Receiving Returns in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—[Special]—All the Democratic national committeemen will be on duty to-morrow at headquarters except Senator Gorman, who returned home to vote. Extensive preparations have been made by the committees to receive election returns to-morrow evening. Ex-President Cleveland has special arrangements to get the returns at his residence. The managers of both sides anticipate a peaceful election with an unusually full vote. Both Commissioners Shields and Duell will sit in the Federal building to-morrow to dispose of cases brought before them for illegal voting. A Tammany contingent of lawyers will be on hand to furnish bail in case Democrats are arrested. At Brooklyn to-day a laborer named Crimmins, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary for false registration and to pay \$500.

Both Sides Claim North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., Nov. 7.—[Special]—After a careful canvass on the part of the Republican committee, Chairman Spaulding is willing to go on record with the prediction of the election of the Republican electors by 2,000, Congressman by 1,500 and governor and entire State ticket by 1,000, with the possible exception of one railroad commissioner. On the other hand, Chairman Maratta, of the Democratic committee, claims the State for the fusionists by 2,000 to 3,000. The legislature will be very close and is claimed by both sides. The Republicans have been confident of a majority of fifteen all along until Saturday, when they weakened on discouraging reports. Conservative politicians place North Dakota in doubt, with the chances favoring the Weavers.

Tyler Seems to Be Safe.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 7.—[Special]—The election in this, the Second district, outside of the electors is for Congressman. There are four candidates in the field, Hon. C. Gardner Tyler, Democratic; P. C. Corrigan, colored, put forward by the regular Republican organization; Maj John F. Dezenford, independent, and H. S. Collier, People's candidate. So far as can be ascertained Mr. Tyler will be sent to Congress. Corrigan, the colored nominee of the regular Republican organization, will get more votes in the district than Dezenford. Collier will probably get several hundred votes, but there is hardly any doubt of the election of Mr. Tyler, the Democratic nominee from this district, as the Republicans are hopelessly divided and have two candidates in the field.

Alabama is Democratic.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 7.—[Special]—The situation is brighter for the Democrats than at any previous time. Evidence of a tide among the Kolb Democrats toward Cleveland is very positive and pronounced. Still the fusionists are hopeful, and their chairman, F. G. Bowman, predicts a victory by 40,000 majority and the election of four Congressmen.

Chairman Shelly puts the Democratic plurality 27,000; is certain of eight Congressmen and hopeful of nine. There is really no telling, however, how many Kolb Democrats have abandoned the fusion ticket. The Democrats will win by anywhere from 15,000 to 30,000. They may lose Congressmen in three districts.

The Feeling in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—[Special]—As the decisive day approaches the interest here intensifies. The Attorney General returned from Indianapolis to-day. When asked if he really anticipated trouble he replied that he did not; that he relied on the good sense and patriotism of the people in charge of the polling places to prevent violations of the law and breaches of the peace. He adds that United States marshals are supposed to be good citizens and their instructions explicitly state not to be aggressive or provoke hostilities. He feels sure deputy marshals would not invade